

Railroad Brotherhood Officials to Appeal to President Wilson to Ward Off Strike Troubles

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BACKS UP D. C. RENT BOARD

SAYS M'HENRY SEEK ELWELL PEDDLED RUM 'LADY IN GRAY'

Youth on Trial for Slaying "Ran" Whiskey in Maine, Intimate Swears.

CALLS HIM "VERY BRIGHT"

Mind Is Wonderful Along Line of Mechanics, U. S. Witness Declares.

That John McHenry, the twenty-year-old youth on trial for his life in Criminal Court for the slaying of Detective Sergeant James Armstrong, gave up a job in Providence, R. I., paying him a weekly salary of approximately \$48 to become a rum runner between Maine and Canada was the testimony this morning of William B. Lamborn, who was engaged with McHenry in the manufacture of brooms at the Eastern Broom Factory in Providence.

Lamborn testified that McHenry was the fastest broom worker he knew, that the boy averaged a wage of \$8 a day while working in the Providence factory. He also said McHenry, in his opinion, was of normal mind and that he was "very, very bright."

WONDERFUL MECHANIC.

"McHenry had a wonderful mechanical mind," said Lamborn. "He was familiar with the mechanism of guns, revolvers, automobiles and other sorts of motors. Even while he worked at the factory, McHenry was a rum runner. He told me he bought whiskey in Providence at \$1.75 a quart, and sold it in Maine for \$3 and \$7 a quart. On one occasion, when he returned from a trip to Maine, he displayed a bag of money. I asked him where he got it. He told me by bootlegging in Maine. He said he intended to do business on a huge scale—that he was planning to buy a motorcycle, and that he had a side car and that he intended to load it with whiskey and take it into Maine."

"I suggested that he was going to take a big chance, but he replied: 'I'm not worried about that. They will have to convict me, and then they'll send me to Atlanta.'"

KNEW ABOUT RISKS.

At this point in Lamborn's testimony, the prosecution intended to develop that McHenry fully realized the chances he was about to take, that he would be sent to prison if he was caught, and that he was willing to take that chance.

To emphasize that McHenry was a fearless youth, Lamborn stated that the boy became involved in a heated argument with a Polish employee of the broom factory, a man of advanced age and much larger than McHenry. "I told McHenry that he had better leave the fellow alone," the witness said. "But he replied: 'I've got something in my pocket that will drop him if he bothers me.'"

"McHenry always carried a large bunch of keys," said Lamborn. "He could open any door. McHenry told me he knew all about keys, and that while he lived at the Y. M. C. A. in Providence, he had a key which would open any door in the building."

PUT FOUR IN HOSPITAL.

On another occasion, according to the witness, McHenry appeared at the broom factory, his clothes spattered with mud. "I asked him what had happened to him," said Lamborn. "McHenry replied that he had been in Boston, had stolen an automobile, and while being pursued by police had crashed into another automobile. He said: 'I have just put four in a hospital, but I escaped injury.'"

Upon cross-examination of the witness by Attorney Samuel McComas Hawken, Lamborn said he did not report the fact that McHenry carried a pistol or his rum-running or the episodes about the automobile theft and accident to the police.

Lamborn also testified that McHenry sold twelve pairs of new shoes at \$1.70 a pair, and that he frequently brought to the shop automobile accessories and other articles. Lamborn said McHenry explained that the articles had been "given to him."

DODGED DRAFT.

McHenry told Lamborn that he escaped the draft because he had worked in a torpedo station at New London, Conn.

James P. Green, a handwriting expert, identified McHenry's signature, attached to the confession of the defendant made to the police following the shooting at Union Station of Detective Armstrong and the killing of Wallace W. Mulcare, automobile accessories dealer. He also identified other handwriting of the boy.

RUSSIAN PAPERS CUT.

Shortage of print paper has brought about a decrease in the circulation of nine newspapers in Petrograd, the State Department was advised. Total circulation figures are reported to have dropped from 400,000 to 260,000.

DECATUR HEIGHTS.—Great sale of lots begins Saturday; 2 days only. Main 4143 for advance information.—Adv.

THESE photographs of President Wilson were made Saturday by George W. Harris, who remained nearly an hour in the President's study while the latter was transacting his regular morning business. A number of pictures were taken, but the President did not know, with one or two exceptions, when the exposures were made. These studies bear out the descriptions contained in the story written by Louis Seibold and printed in The Washington Times Saturday that the Chief Executive is rapidly regaining his physical strength after his long siege of illness.



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PREDICT DEADLOCK AT SAN FRANCISCO

Democratic Leaders Expect Strenuous Fight to Pick Nominee.

By J. BART CAMPBELL.
International News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—A deadlock over the choice of a Presidential candidate threatens the Democratic convention, in the opinion of several potential Democratic leaders assembled here today.

Controlled by men dominated by President Wilson, the resolutions committee is naturally expected to report a majority platform to the convention which will embody the salient planks of the so-called "Virginia platform" dictated at the White House.

WILSON MEN PREDOMINATE.

Federal officeholders, who owe fealty to the Wilson administration, will predominate in the convention and will sustain the Wilsonized platform by upholding the majority rule, which is all that is necessary to put it through, the same leaders believe.

The Democratic National Chairman Homer S. Cummings and others already here who are supporters of the President are planning to invoke the majority rule whenever they find it necessary to combat the opposition of an embittered minority.

PLAN HOT FIGHT.

The "steam-roller" of the Democratic national committee will not, however, be run over the convention without a stiff, hot fight being waged against it by men like William Jennings Bryan and Senator "Jim" Reed of Missouri, who are unable to see

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TWO RED REGIMENTS DESTROYED BY POLES

WARSAW, June 21.—Two Russian bolshevik regiments have been destroyed by the Poles in fighting at the junction of the Dnieper river and the Pripiet marshes, according to dispatches from the front today.

The northern end of the battle line has been stabilized.

General Pilsudski is regrouping the Poles for a counter offensive in Ukraine and will try to drive the Russians across the Dnieper.

MARY PICKFORD GREETED BY CROWDS IN LONDON

Photographers and Reporters Mob Movie Stars But They Take It Smilingly.

LONDON, June 21.—Douglas Fairbanks and his bride, Mary Pickford, arrived from New York today on their European honeymoon.

They were greeted by a tremendous crowd of movie fans when they left their ship at Southampton.

As soon as the liner was docked at Southampton "Doug" appeared at the rail wearing his famous "million dollar smile."

"Where's Mary?" shouted the crowd. Mary was dutifully brought forward and there was much cheering and waving of hats and handkerchiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks were mobbed by reporters and photographers as they dashed down the gang plank, but both took it good naturedly and talked to the newspapermen as they were jostled about.

Once upon the pier Mary was swept off her feet completely. Her husband swung her to his shoulder and fought his way free.

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HALT WALKOUT OF MEN IN D. C.

Labor Chiefs Induce Washington Workers to Remain on Job Indefinitely.

President Wilson will again be urged to use his office to ward off any strike troubles on the railroads of the country. This was the information gained at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in this city.

W. N. Doak, vice president of the brotherhood, arrived in Washington last night from Chicago, where he was in conference with the United States Railroad Labor Board, which has been discussing the wage increase for the men.

According to Doak and railroad officials here, the strike will not spread beyond Baltimore and Philadelphia, and the men in Baltimore, they contend, are going back to work today. Doak was in communication with the men in Baltimore, and it is understood they agreed to go back immediately.

CALLS OFF D. C. WALKOUT.

When Doak arrived here last night he found that the railroad men in Washington were on the point of joining their fellow workers of Philadelphia and Baltimore. He immediately had a conference with them and persuaded them not to strike.

According to the officials of the Brotherhood, the present trouble is due to the fact that there has been circulated among the railroad men throughout the country a statement attributed to G. W. W. Hanger, of Washington, a member of the board, saying that not until August will the board announce a decision on the wage question. Officials of the Brotherhood, who are acquainted with Hanger, do not believe he gave out the statement.

The board issued a statement on June 12, in which it said that the decision would be announced as soon as possible, and that it would be effective as of May 1, 1920. The board has been holding hearings on the increase wage question since April 16.

EAGER FOR DECISION.

It is the belief of railroad men that the commission ought to have announced its decision some time ago, as it had in its possession all the data necessary to make a decision. The feeling of restlessness has increased among the railroad men and Doak went to Chicago to again request the board to make a decision. He told the board that if they did not give out a statement on the case up with President Harding.

The board did not give a statement Saturday and Washington headed off with other brotherhood.

In an interview with a reporter today, he employed hood had "er."

REPORTS ALL HARMONIOUS.

"Great optimism for Democratic victory prevails in San Francisco, according to Mr. Cummings," said Secretary Tumulty. "It was a wonderful connection we had, as I could hear just as plain as though he was talking across the street."

Cummings is being quietly mentioned in political gossip as being possible "dark horse" if eventually should take such a turn as to deride or make advisable some candidate other than those now most prominently mentioned. Before leaving San Francisco he was quite the matter, and he dismissed "er" as being without "er" probabilities. However known loyalty to the and his views on the

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LONDON DERRY IN GRIP OF ARMED RIOTERS

LONDON, June 21.—Riots are raging at Londonderry and several more persons have been shot to death in fighting between unionists and Sinn Fein sympathizers, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Irish city this afternoon. Londonderry was in complete possession of bands of armed men when the message was sent.

A large number of service rifles were distributed among the Sinn Feiners shortly before noon. A detachment of armed Sinn Feiners charged from their headquarters and engaged the soldiers in a violent battle.

"ALL IS WELL," HARDING TOLD

Chairman Hays and Others Discuss Campaign With Candidate.

In an important conference today between Senator Harding, Republican Presidential nominee, and National Chairman Will H. Hays and members of a subcommittee of the Republican National Committee, as well as several other important political figures, plans for the 1920 campaign were discussed in general and in many of their details.

It developed at the conference that, as a matter of fact, the campaign is already forging ahead at high speed. National Chairman Hays and other representatives of the national committee advised Senator Harding of the enormous amount of preliminary work and organization that has already been done.

In addition to Senator "Chairman Hays, those who were present were Harry Ohio, chairman of the charge of "Harding" ing re comp Ch

ASKS U. S. AID FOR TENANTS

Attorney General Will Initiate Court Action to Sustain D. C. Commission.

LANDLORDS ARE CAUTIONED

Prosecutions and Heavy Fines Threatened If Jurisdiction of Board Is Upheld.

Attorney General Palmer this morning cautioned Washington landlords that they are exposing themselves to heavy fines and probable imprisonment for disregarding the decisions of the District Rent Commission and ignoring the Ball rent act, under the provisions of which the commission operates.

In the interest of "justice" and because "the Federal Government has an immediate and vital interest in preventing, as far as possible, the needless eviction of tenants in this city—many of whom are its employees—because of its direct reaction upon the efficiency of the Government itself," Palmer, through Henry H. Glassie, Assistant Attorney General, this morning requested an immediate hearing in the Municipal Court to determine the "precise scope" of the rent commission and "to accurately define" the bearing its decisions have on public welfare.

DEFENDS COMMISSION.

The Department of Justice thus comes forward in defense of the District Rent Commission at a time when public belief in the commission's authority was practically shattered. Beginning several weeks ago with a decision of the Court of Appeals, which held the Ball rent act unconstitutional, there has been a sequence of events aimed at the commission which has undermined its law-enforcing body.

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